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The amendment filed on 12/11/2006 canceling all claims drawn to the elected invention and presenting only claims drawn to a non-elected invention is non-responsive (MPEP § 821.03). The remaining claims are not readable on the elected invention because the added language regarding "serrations" on the outer surface of the main body is a feature of the nonelected Fig. 7 embodiment, and this language has been added to all independent claims.

Since the above-mentioned amendment appears to be a *bona fide* attempt to reply, applicant is given a TIME PERIOD of ONE (1) MONTH or THIRTY (30) DAYS, whichever is longer, from the mailing date of this notice within which to supply the omission or correction in order to avoid abandonment. EXTENSIONS OF THIS TIME PERIOD UNDER 37 CFR 1.136(a) ARE AVAILABLE.

Applicants should limit themselves to adding features from the elected embodiments of Figs. 4-6 in attempting to define over the prior art.

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